

Eastgate/I-90

Land Use & Transportation Project

Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

November 18, 2010

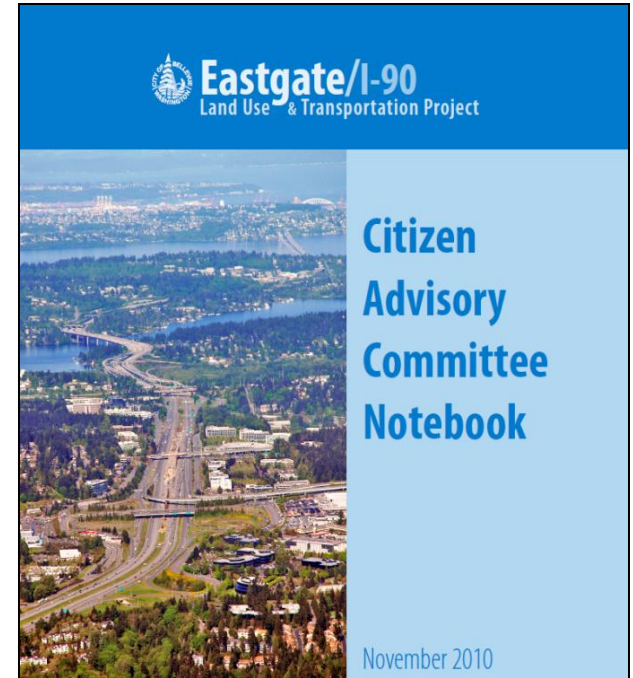
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Project Overview (notebook materials):

- Project context and rationale
- Major elements of the project
- Project schedule
- Planning principles to guide project

Future meetings:

- Meeting Protocols
- Logistics - Dates, locations, start times





Trivial Pursuit



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How many Fortune 500 Corporations have a presence in the project area?

- A. 2**
- B. 3**
- C. 4**
- D. 5**



There are three.



Microsoft[®]

Office uses in the northeast portion of the project area are dominated by Boeing, Verizon, and Microsoft while T-Mobile (of Deutsche Telekom) dominates the southern office clusters (in the Newport Office campus).



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Trivial Pursuit #1

Bellevue College is the ____ largest institution of higher learning in Washington state?

- A. 2nd***
- B. 3rd***
- C. 4th***
- D. 5th***



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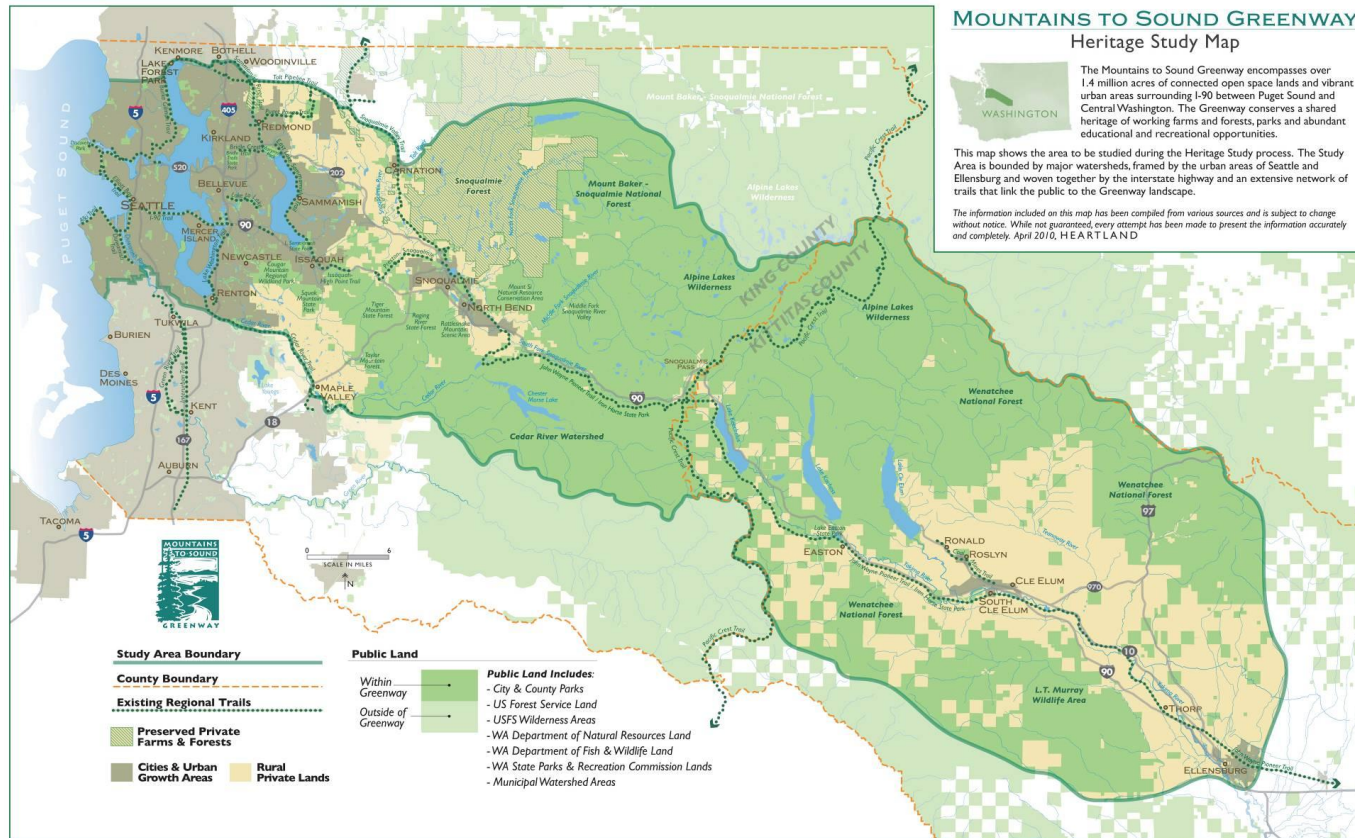
Trivial Pursuit #2

Bellevue College is the third largest institution of higher learning in Washington state, behind UW and WSU.



Bellevue College's annual student enrollment is 34,000 including both part time and full time students.

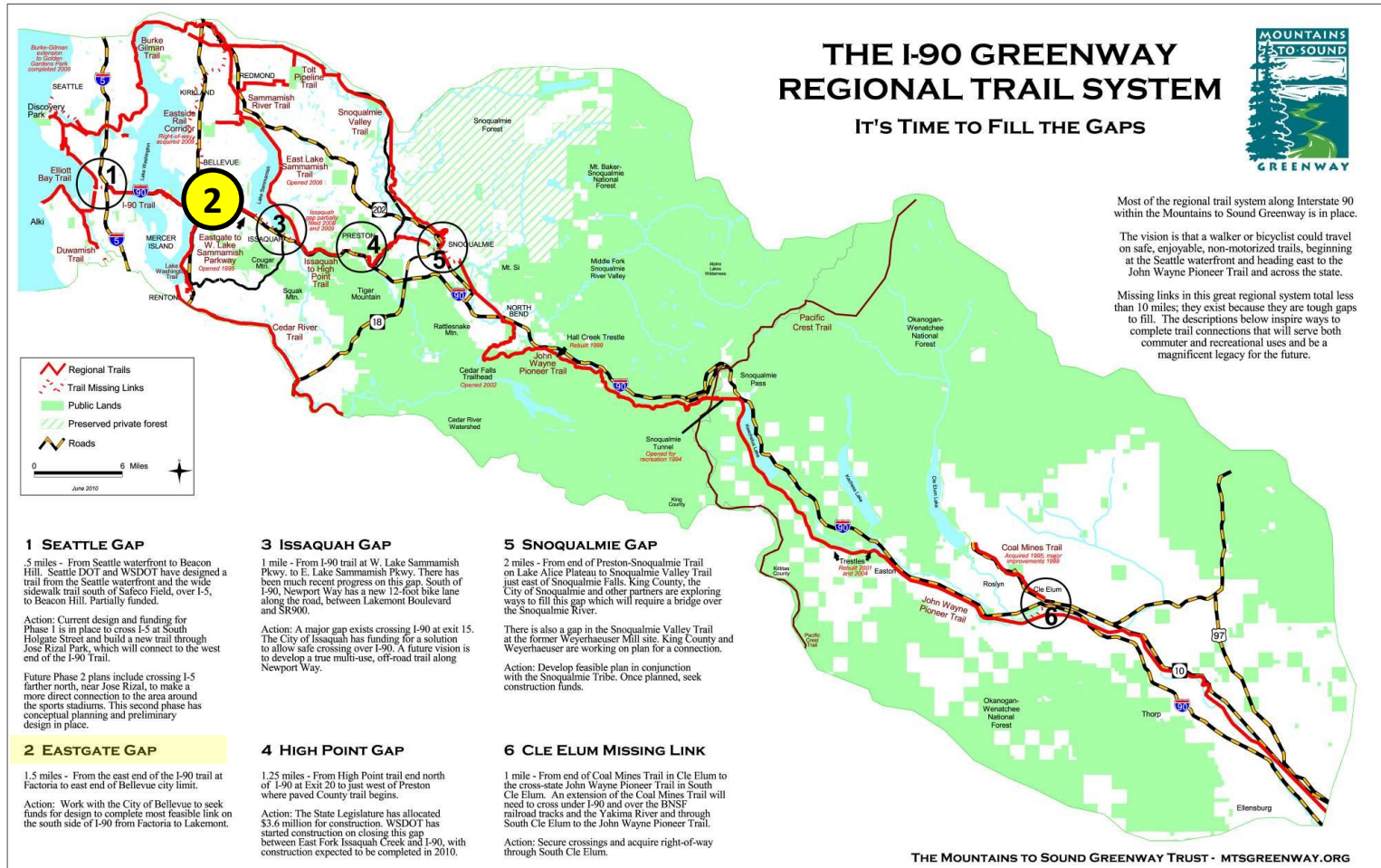
In 1980, the I-90 corridor, from Seattle to Thorp, was designated as the Mountains to Sound Greenway – a cultural resource with a regional trail at its core. What is the longest gap in the trail?



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Trivial Pursuit #3

The Eastgate Gap. A 1.9 mile gap in the Greenway trail between Factoria Boulevard and Sunset Trail.



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Trivial Pursuit #3

Where do the majority of transit boardings take place in the project area?



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Trivial Pursuit #4

The Eastgate Park and Ride, new in 2004, provides space for 1,676 cars.



1,100 daily boardings at the P&R (Fall 2009).



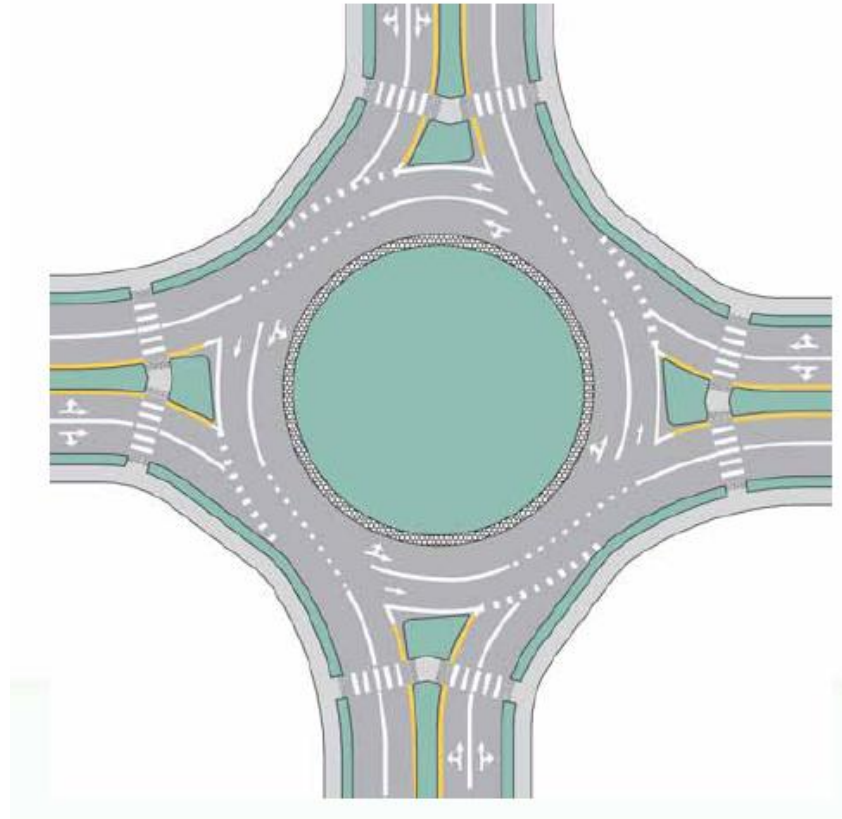
The nearby direct access ramps, new in 2006, accounts for an additional 926 daily boardings (Fall 2009).



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Trivial Pursuit #4

How many modern roundabouts are found in the project area?



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Trivial Pursuit #5

There are two.



West Lake Sammamish Parkway: Constructed in 1997, one of the first in the WA State.



Bellevue College Campus. Constructed in 2004, as part of the 148th Ave SE & SE 28 Improvement Project.



Why are these lights on the 150th Ave SE bridge crossing over Interstate 90 painted red/white like candy canes?



Photo Source: Bob Schweitzer



Safety measure for low flying aircraft.



Photo Source: A 1963 airport brochure.

The Bellevue Airfield was a private airfield that closed in 1983. It was situated east of 156th Avenue SE and north of I-90, almost to Phantom Lake. Today, the area is an office park (Advanta Office Commons buildings leased by Microsoft).





Project Overview



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- The Comprehensive Plan recognizes the Eastgate/I-90 corridor as a major employment center
- The plan calls for examining older commercial areas periodically to ensure they continue to be vital and productive.

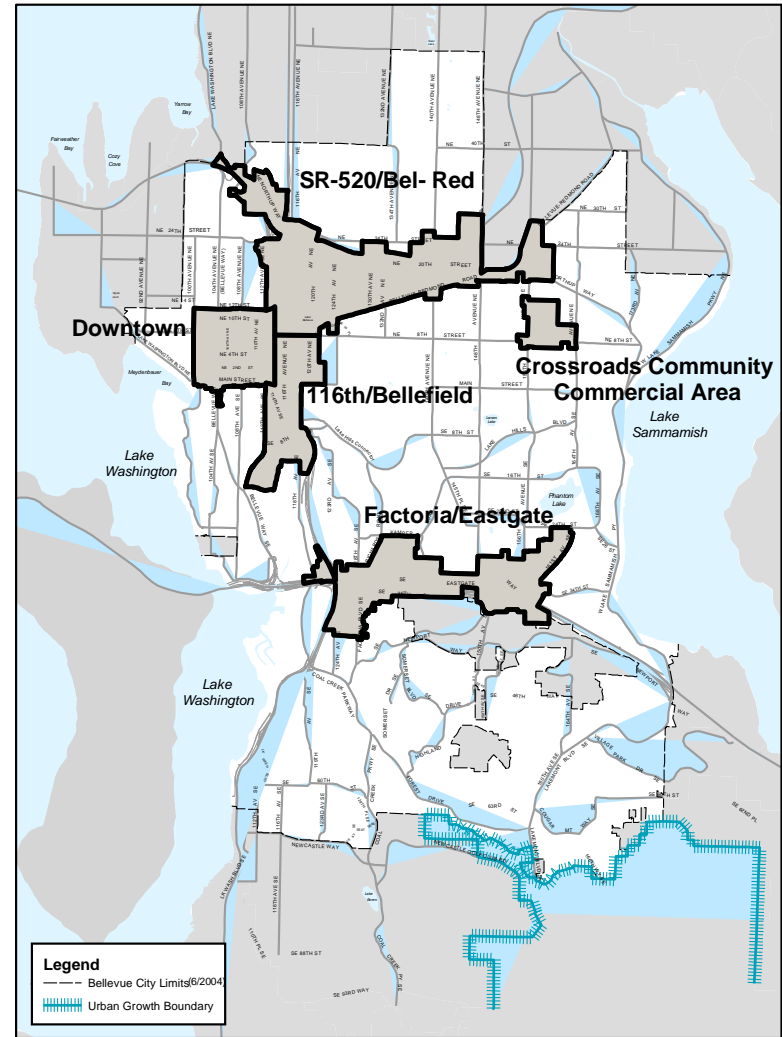
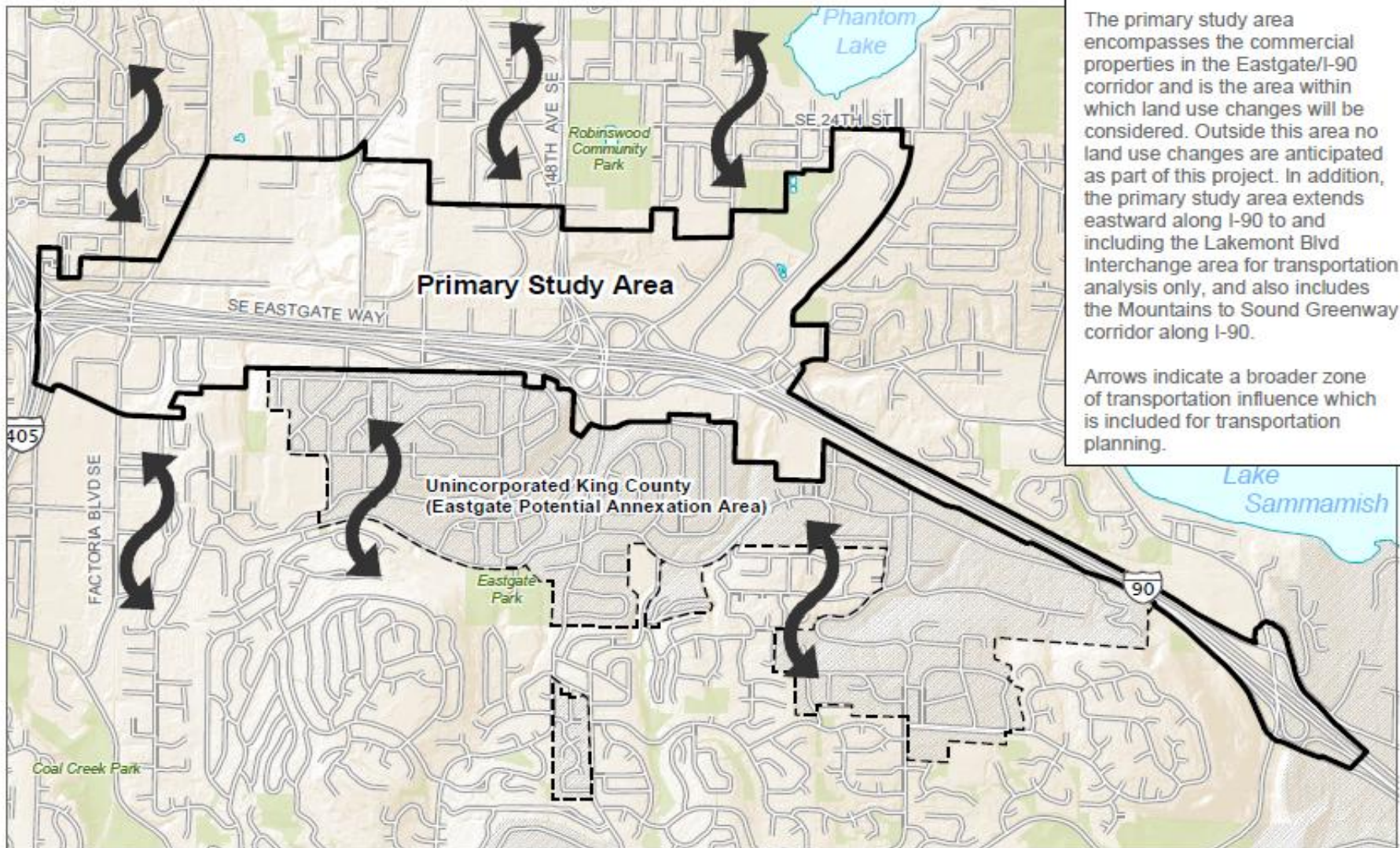


FIGURE LU.1
Major Employment Centers





The primary study area encompasses the commercial properties in the Eastgate/I-90 corridor and is the area within which land use changes will be considered. Outside this area no land use changes are anticipated as part of this project. In addition, the primary study area extends eastward along I-90 to and including the Lakemont Blvd Interchange area for transportation analysis only, and also includes the Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor along I-90.

Arrows indicate a broader zone of transportation influence which is included for transportation planning.



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Scale bar: 0 to 2,000 feet

Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project Map

Approved by the Bellevue City Council on February 1, 2010

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1. Identify a preferred long-term **land use and transportation vision** for the Eastgate/I-90 corridor, to **enhance economic vitality** and provide for **neighborhood-oriented retail** uses.
2. Identify **multi-modal transportation improvements** for the area; prioritize **low cost/high impact** improvements
3. Promote a **stronger identity and urban design** image for this area; recognize its prominent location on the **Mountains to Sound Greenway**.
4. Support and plan for **Bellevue College's** efforts to become a four-year institution.

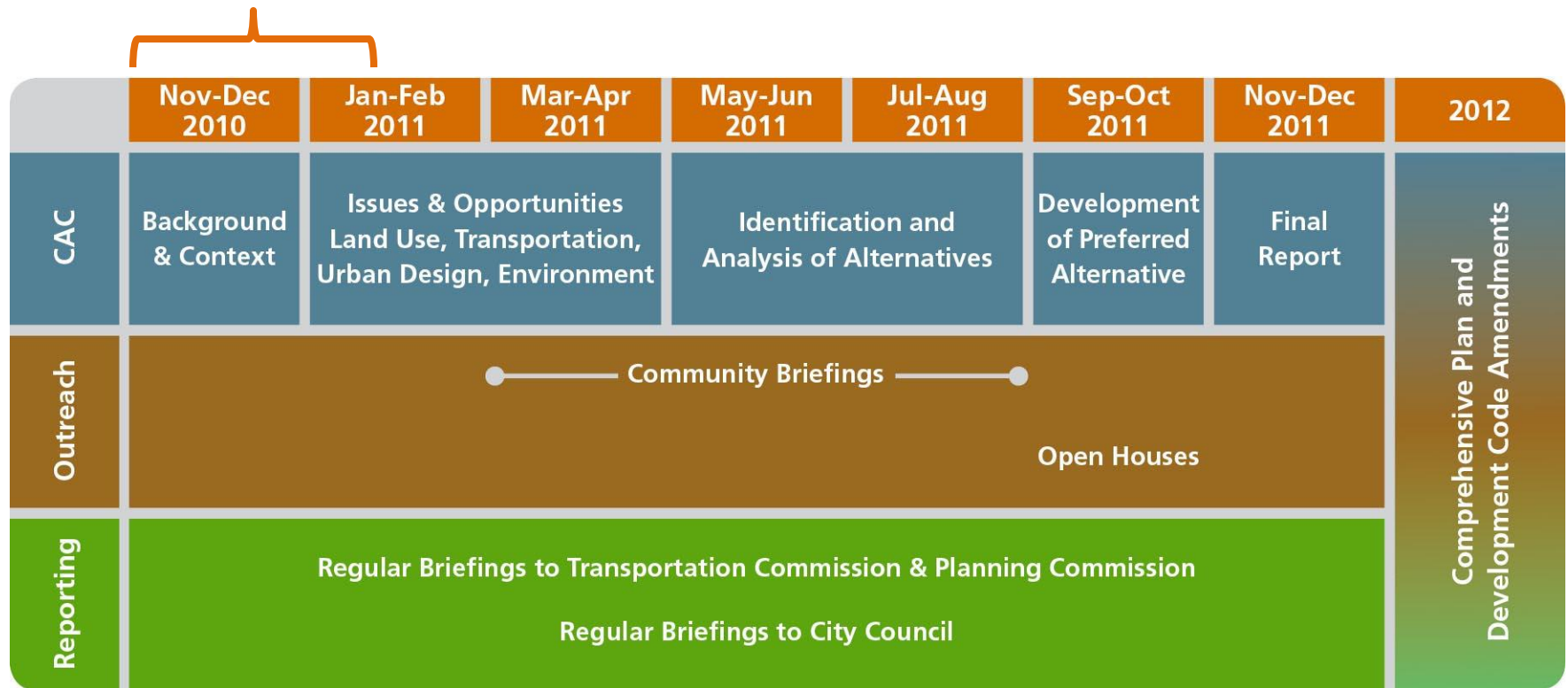
- 1. Holistic vs. piecemeal planning**
- 2. Erosion of neighborhood services**
- 3. Transportation “choke points”; achieve system efficiencies**
- 4. Lack of connectivity across corridor**
- 5. Mountains to Sound Greenway**
- 6. Coherent image**
- 7. Bellevue College evolution**
- 8. Opportunity for innovation**

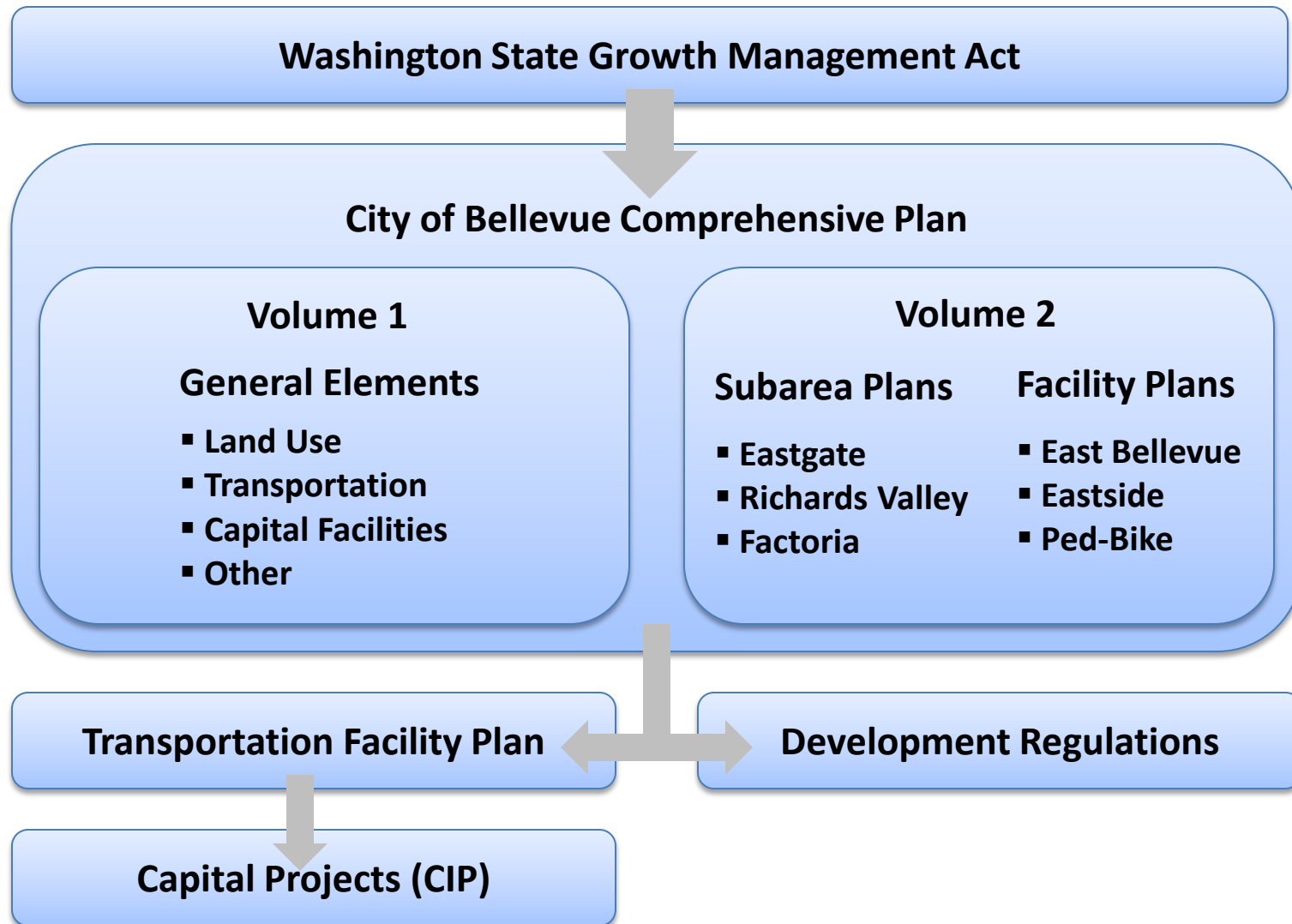
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Nov 2010: Introductions, mission, process, project overview

Dec 2010: Project context

Jan 2011: Orientation tour / land use conditions & opportunities







Council Principles

Approved by Council 2-1-2010



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“Enhance the Eastgate corridor’s economic vitality without degrading mobility in other parts of the City, and ensure that it continues to contribute to the diversity of the City’s economic mix.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- What type of land use changes should be promoted and where?
- What can be done to retain/attract new businesses to the area?
- What infrastructure improvements are needed and how should they be timed and coordinated with future development?
- How can growth in Eastgate remain compatible with and support surrounding land uses?

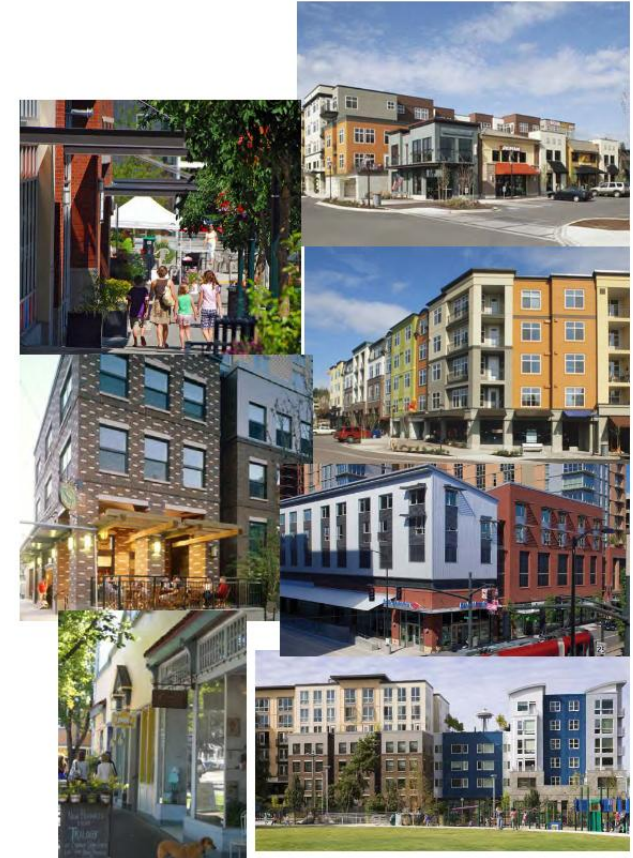


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Economic Development

“Retain and enhance neighborhood-oriented services and businesses, which are important to nearby residents of Bellevue and the adjacent Eastgate potential annexation area.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- Where and how should additional neighborhood-oriented services be provided?
- How can the continued viability of existing neighborhood-oriented services over the long-term be assured?
- What character will make these uses successful and a good fit for the Eastgate area?



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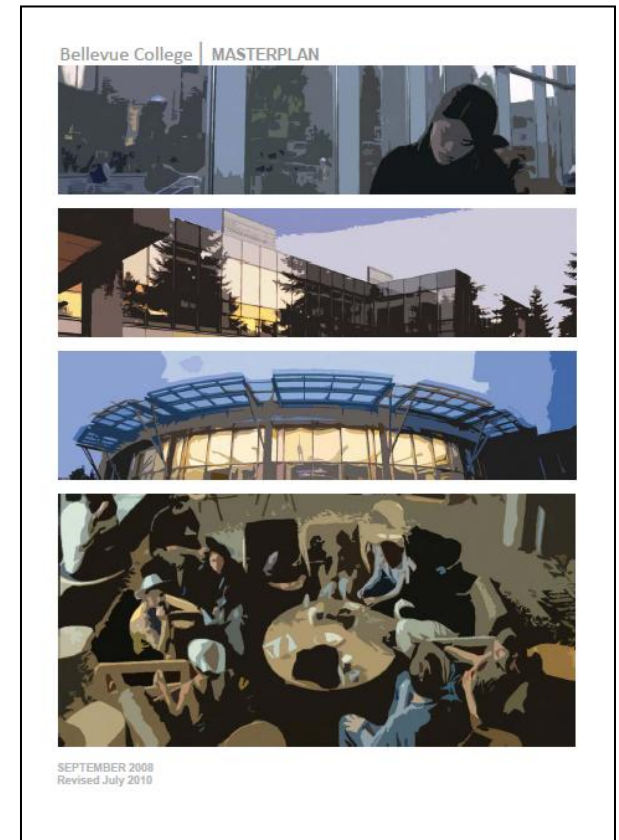
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Neighborhood Services

“Improve linkages with Bellevue College, which may include land use and transportation strategies, as well as a variety of partnerships that benefit both the College and the City as a whole.”

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- How should the City of Bellevue support efforts at Bellevue College (e.g., campus parking and transportation demand management) to encourage staff and students to use alternatives to the single occupant vehicle?
- How can the area best take advantage of its proximity to Bellevue College as it redevelops in the future?
- What partnership opportunities may benefit Bellevue College and the City?



“Better integrate land use and transportation across Eastgate, which may include consideration of transit-oriented development in portions of the area. Changes in land use should be informed by transportation opportunities and impacts. For example, the large Eastgate park and ride facility may create an opportunity for a transit overlay district, with well integrated land use and transportation performance.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- Given the land use/transportation constraints in the corridor, what is the smartest way for this area to grow in the future? How should land use planning best accommodate these development opportunities?
- Are there good opportunities for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in the Eastgate area; and what might TOD look like in the corridor?



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Smart Growth

“Continue to evolve Eastgate’s transportation infrastructure to a high performing, multi-modal system, including coordinating with service providers on increased transit service to the area.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- How should the City and other transportation providers respond to anticipated growth in travel in the Eastgate I-90 area in a way that offers the public choices about how they travel within, to, and through this corridor?
- How should the City of Bellevue coordinate with Metro and Sound Transit to create a seamless, fully integrated, and user friendly network of transit services?
- Where and how should the City of Bellevue address the transportation needs of bicyclists and pedestrians?



Multi-Modal System



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“Increase connectivity across the Eastgate corridor, addressing the area’s numerous barriers such as its limited street and non-motorized (both pedestrian and bicycle) network, and stand-alone developments.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- Where are the constraints and opportunities to realize improved street connectivity in the corridor?
- Where are the constraints and opportunities to realize improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in the corridor?
- What transportation strategies might be used to ease congestion today and sustain added capacity into the future?



The entrance to S.E. 30th Street from Richards Road.



“Model environmental sustainability in planning for Eastgate’s future, so that future plans for the area produce measurable environmental benefits.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- What land use and transportation strategies should be pursued to produce measurable greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions in the project area?
- What are the opportunities to improve existing environmental conditions?
- What changes will make the Eastgate area develop a more environmentally sustainable future?



“Improve the Eastgate Corridor’s urban design quality and coherence, recognizing the area as a major City gateway and prominent location on the Mountain to Sound Greenway.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- How might the northern and southern halves of the I-90 corridor be better integrated and highlighted as a prominent location on the Mountain to Sound Greenway?
- What types of design character will best promote businesses in the corridor and reinforce the image of Bellevue as a “city in a park”?
- What should be done to improve the visual and overall aesthetic quality of the Eastgate corridor?



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Urban Design

“Work to improve the performance of state facilities in the area – I-90 and its access points—which today create major issues for the City’s land use and arterial system.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- What improvements should the City of Bellevue advocate with WSDOT for the I-90 mainline?
- What are the impacts and benefits of potential ST high capacity transit extensions along the I-90 corridor?



“An over-arching consideration that cuts across all these Principles is the reality of fiscal constraints that limit the City’s ability to fund major new infrastructure projects. To the extent that new infrastructure is needed to support potential land use changes, costs and ability to fund these improvements must be serious and early considerations.”

For Future CAC Consideration:

- How do we cost-effectively address the land use and transportation challenges facing the Eastgate/I-90 area?
- Recognizing that there is limited funding, what are the priorities for the area?



Costs of ambitious concepts will be carefully considered.



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Fiscal Constraints



Future Meetings



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- **CAC process open to the public**
- **Staff posts meeting notices, agendas, materials, minutes**
- **Meeting takes place when quorum is present and information concerning city business is received, discussed, and/or acted upon**
- **No action may be taken by CAC except in a public meeting**
- **Avoid back-and-forth exchange of information, viewpoints, positions, or other dialogue via email , conference call, etc about CAC business.**
- **Avoid exchange of information among less than a quorum, which is then relayed to other members who together would constitute a quorum.**
- **Any paper, correspondence, form, record, photograph, email, etc that has been created or received during the course of public business is part of the public record.**

Meeting dates:

- Proposal - Third Thursday of the month.

Meeting time:

- Proposal - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Meeting location:

- Proposal - Bellevue City Hall.

January meeting:

- Proposal – Saturday tour of area; in addition to regularly scheduled evening meeting.



- 1. Do you have any observations you'd like to share about the Eastgate area today?***
- 2. Do you have any thoughts about how you'd like the Eastgate area to be in the future?***



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Questions/Comments?

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Additional Information